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***Our ref:* Premises Licence 1053142**

Dear Mariem Harchi,

The Licensing Act 2003 – Section 51 - Supplementary Evidence for the Review Application Ref 37194

Re: VENUE 777, 295 Neasden Lane, NW10 1QR

Following the review application submitted on 23 January 2026, I attach the following appendices in support of the application review to the premises licence.

Police Officers visited the venue on Saturday 24 January 2026 at approximately 21:28hrs. Two male SIA staff obstructed police officers gaining entry. When officers eventually gained entry, they were advised by a male known to be Mr Gokgan Algul that there no alcohol being sold despite customers informing officers that they had obtained alcohol behind the bar. A Section 19 Closure Notice was served for the breach (**Appendix MJS/11**).

Since the submission of the review application, the Police were notified of an application to transfer the premises licence and vary the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), submitted on 29 January 2026 in the name of Ms Meriem Harchi.

Following the submission of the above applications, I received a video recording of Mr Haydar Tunc engaging with three males, one of which is known to be [REDACTED]. The recording revealed the males sitting in the restaurant having a conversation and Mr Tunc signing a document, followed by a handshake with [REDACTED] (**Appendix MJS 33**).

The Police raised no objections to these applications during the consultation period, and the premises licence was subsequently transferred to Ms Harchi.

It has been noted that the premises trading name has been changed to Venue 777, and the premises currently operates as a restaurant, nightclub, and shisha bar. The premises uses social media, namely Instagram, to advertise its events (Appendices MJS/12).

On Thursday 26 February 2026, I viewed CCTV footage from Brent Council's CCTV Control Room covering the following periods:

Saturday 31 January 2026

- 03:40 – 04:00
- 04:15 – 04:30
- 04:45 – 04:50

During this period, entries to the premises were observed after midnight, which is in contravention of Condition 14, which states: *“No entry or re-entry shall be permitted after midnight until close.”*

Additionally, the premises appeared to continue operating beyond the permitted terminal hour of 03:00 hours (Appendices MJS/13).

Sunday 15 February 2026

- 00:25 – 00:50
- 01:07 – 01:20
- 05:05 – 05:15
- 05:30 – 05:40

Entries to the premises were again observed after midnight, contrary to Condition 14, which states: *“No entry or re-entry shall be permitted after midnight until close.”*

During the review of the CCTV footage, individuals associated with the premises were also observed driving vehicles in an antisocial manner on the public pavement, and the SIA door supervisors did not appear to have the situation under control (Appendices MJS/14 -MJS/23).

Following the CCTV review, a request for CCTV footage was sent to the premises via email and post on 26 February 2026. The licence holder was instructed to provide the requested footage no later than Tuesday 3 March 2026 (Appendix MJS/24).

On Monday 2 March 2026 at 15:36 hours, I contacted Ms Meriem Harchi by telephone to remind her that the CCTV footage was required by 3 March 2026. Ms Harchi advised that she was seeking legal advice.

Later that day, on Monday 2 March 2026 at 16:05 hours, I contacted Mr Noel A. Samaroo of NTAD Consultants (the appointed agent) by telephone and email to discuss the CCTV request. Mr Samaroo advised that he would

communicate with his client in order to arrange the provision of the requested CCTV footage

On Friday 6 March 2026, I was informed by the Licensing Authority that they had conducted a joint compliance visit with the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) at the premises on Thursday 5 March 2026. This information was received via email together with a warning letter issued to the premises.

The outcome of the visit confirmed that the Home Office made no arrests during the inspection. However, the Licensing Authority identified a number of breaches, as detailed in the warning letter (Appendix MJS/25).

Following the warning letter issued on 6 March 2026, I became aware that the licence holder, Ms Harchi, had responded to the Licensing Authority addressing the identified non-compliances. In her response, she indicated that her agent was in the process of providing the requested CCTV footage, which had been requested on 2 March 2026 (Appendix MJS/26)

On Tuesday 10 March 2026, I spoke with Mr Noel Samaroo again regarding the outstanding CCTV request.

Later that day, an email was received containing CCTV footage relating only to 15 February 2026 (Appendix MJS). The recordings were sent via WhatsApp and covered only limited sections of the internal area of the premises, with no footage of the external areas. No CCTV footage was provided for 31 January 2026 (Appendices MJS/27 – MJS/28).

After reviewing the material provided, I spoke with Mr Samaroo to explain that CCTV footage supplied via WhatsApp in this format was not acceptable, which he acknowledged.

In light of the concerns raised during our discussion, we also considered the possibility of modifying the premises licence conditions to better reflect the current operating model of the business.

Subsequently, on Wednesday 11 March 2026 13:32hrs, an email was sent to both the licence holder and the agent confirming that the CCTV footage provided was not acceptable (Appendix MJS/29).

A further email at 13:48hrs was also sent setting out proposed amendments to the premises licence conditions (Appendix MJS/30 – MJS/31)

At 16:24hrs, I received an email from Noel Samaroo following another brief telephone conversation in seek of clarification related to Transfer Application which was signed on 28 January 2026 by Meriem Harchi. At the time of submission, the Consent Form was not provided. The Transfer Application stated that the *existing premises licence holder is non-operative and has refused to cooperate or engage. The application is therefore made lawfully without consent in accordance with section 42 of the Licensing Act 2003.*

A Consent Form was in fact submitted to the Council, which was signed by Mr Haydar Tunc on 26 January 2026.

Noel Samaroo clarified the matter via email ([Appendix MJS/32](#)).

Although the review application was initiated due to the failings of the previous licence holder, there is evidence indicating that the current licence holder is also not fully compliant and that the existing licence conditions are no longer adequate.

The Police therefore wish to withdraw the recommendation to revoke the premises licence and instead propose the introduction of robust, enforceable conditions to support the licence holder in upholding the licensing objectives.

Yours Sincerely,

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